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H.R. 1018: To Establish a Commission to

Review Federal Retirement Systems

- 1. A copy of the subject bill and the introductory comments is attached. It was introduced on 20 February by Representative Bill Archer (R., TX) and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.
- 2. This bill is intended to set up a bi-partisan commission to examine the Federal civilian and military retirement systems. The focus would be on the long-term financial requirements of the systems.
- 3. The House Committee does not intend to move on Archer's legislation. The Committee is already studying Federal civilian retirement and the House does not intend to take up military retirement any time soon. Archer has in the past been a strong proponent of reducing the growth of Federally-paid benefits in order to reduce the Federal deficit.

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99TH CONGRESS H. R. 1018

To establish a commission to review Federal retirement systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 1985

Mr. Archer introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

A BILL

To establish a commission to review Federal retirement systems.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 SHORT TITLE

 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Commission on Federal Retirement Reform Act".

 ESTABLISHMENT

 SEC. 2. There is established a commission to be known
- 8 as the Commission on Federal Retirement Reform (in this
- 9 Act referred to as the "Commission").

1	PURPOSE
2	SEC. 3. (a) The Commission shall examine the Federal
3	civilian and military retirement systems to assess the long-
4	term financial requirements of each system in light of both
5	projected benefits under each system and anticipated receipts
6	attributable to each system.
7	(b) After assessing each system under subsection (a), the
8	Commission shall recommend such changes in the benefits
9	under either system and in the funding of either system as the
10	Commission considers appropriate. Such recommendations
11	shall be included in the final report to be transmitted to Con-
12	gress under section 7 of this Act.
13	MEMBERSHIP
14	SEC. 4. (a) The Commission shall be composed of seven-
15	teen members, who shall be appointed within thirty days
16	after the date of enactment of this Act, as follows:
17	(1) Five members shall be appointed by the Presi-
18	dent from among officers or employees of the executive
19	branch or private citizens of the United States, or both,
20	not more than three of whom may be of the same po-
21	litical party.
22	(2) Five members shall be appointed by the Presi-
23	dent pro tempore of the Senate from among Members
24	of the Senate or private citizens of the United States,
25	or both, not more than three of whom may be of the
26	same political party.

1	(3) Five members shall be appointed by the			
2	Speaker of the House of Representatives from among			
3	Members of the House or private citizens of the United			
4	States, or both, not more than three of whom may be			
5	of the same political party.			
6	(4) The Secretary of Defense (or his delegate)			
7	shall serve ex officio.			
8	(5) The Director of the Office of Management and			
9	budget (or his delegate) shall serve ex officio.			
10	(b) The President shall designate a Chairman from			
11	among the members of the Commission.			
12	(c) A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the			
13	manner in which the original appointment was made.			
14	(d) The term of office of each member and of the Chair-			
15	man shall be for the life of the Commission.			
16	(e) Members of the Commission shall serve without ad-			
17	ditional compensation for their work on the Commission.			
18	However, each member of the Commission shall be reim-			
19	bursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of sub-			
20	sistence, in the same manner as authorized by section 5703			
21	of title 5, United States Code, for persons in Government			
22	service employed intermittently.			
23	STAFF			
24	SEC. 5. (a) The Commission shall appoint and fix the			
25	pay of an Executive Director and may appoint and fix the			
26	pay of such additional personnel as it considers appropriate.			

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1 (b) The Executive Director and staff of the Commission
2 shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title 5, United
3 States Code, governing appointments in the competitive serv-
4 ice, and shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of
5 chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title
6 relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.
7 (c) The Commission may procure temporary and inter-
8 mittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United
9 States Code.
10 POWERS OF COMMISSION
SEC. 6. (a) The Commission of any member it author-
12 izes may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold such
13 hearings, sit and act at such times and places, request such
14 attendance, take such testimony, and receive such evidence
15 as the Commission considers appropriate. The Commission or
16 any such member may administer oaths or affirmations to
17 witnesses appearing before the Commission.
18 (b) The Commission may acquire from any Federal de-
19 partment or agency information that it considers useful in the
20 discharge of its duties. Upon request of the Chairman, the
21 head of such department or agency shall furnish such infor-
22 mation to the Commission to the extent permitted by law.
23 (c) The Commission may request the head of any Feder-
24 al department or agency to assign, with or without reim-

25 bursement, any personnel of such agency to the Commission

- 1 to assist in carrying out the Commission's duties under this
- 2 Act.
- 3 (d) The Commission may solicit, accept, use, and dis-
- 4 pose of donations of money, property, or services.
- 5 (e) The Commission may use the United States mails in
- 6 the same manner and under the same conditions as other
- 7 Federal departments and agencies.
- 8 (f) The Administrator of General Services shall provide
- 9 to the Commission on a reimbursable basis such administra-
- 10 tive support services as the Commission may request.
- 11 REPORTS
- SEC. 7. The Commission shall transmit to Congress and
- 13 the President such interim reports as it considers appropriate
- 14 and shall transmit a final report to Congress not later than
- 15 ten calendar days after the One-hundredth Congress assem-
- 16 bles. The final report shall contain (1) a detailed statement of
- 17 the findings and conclusions of the Commission, and (2) rec-
- 18 ommendations for such legislation or administrative action as
- 19 the Commission considers appropriate. Any recommendation
- 20 submitted under this section shall be accompanied by provi-
- 21 sions specifying the method by which and the time over
- 22 which such recommendation may be phased in without caus-
- 23 ing undue interruption to the existing Federal civilian and
- 24 military retirement systems.

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1	TERMINATION
2	SEC. 8. The Commission shall terminate ninety days
3	after its final report is transmitted to Congress under section
4	7 of this Act.
5	AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
6	SEC. 9. There are authorized to be appropriated such
7	sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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